

path to heaven, lights my soul and angels come and go. What messages they bear of Peace on earth, good will toward men. Aye, peace where once was enmity toward God, from fallen man who in his sensual blindness groped about, nor knew his Maker, saye that here and there one lofty soul aspired to walk with him.

Nor yet when older grown and abler, then to comprehend somewhat of spiritual things, Jehovah now would fain reveal himself in types and symbols, teaching thus the attributes and graces of divinity, that in this dim reflected light might people walk, who could not yet endure the blaze of unveiled purity and love. Aye, long the weary years dragged on, while men, dull pupils, learned of God. Aye, dark the night, but never night so dark but that some star shines thro. Aye, long the time, but never time so long but some time comes an end. What means this shining in the East, angels coming, heaven singing, "Unto us a child is born." Its humble cry is human, so it lives. It lives and loves nor base desire nor selfish thought e'er stains that life immaculate. How came it so? Is light the child of darkness? Or is purity sprung from the clay? Hath eversensual nature gendered perfect love? Aye, mystery of Incarnation. Divinity enrobed in flesh. My soul come near and look and learn; thou too may'st be a child of God.

He dies. The darkness comprehendeth not the light. The mortal stab of sin cuts thro it. Dead men lie along its path from Adam on. It seeks the heart of him of Nazareth, but love is victor, death is conquered, and at the cross whereon they hung the son of man, lo, earth and heaven came together, heart of God in touch with heart of man that there might be at-onement. The stab of sin pierced but the robe of flesh, and lo, the heart of love revealed. What billowing streams of light flow from it through the ages. O my soul come near and stand condemned. Thy filthy rags disclosed, thy guilt revealed. O plunge thee, penitent, in that pure crimson stream that innocence may take the vices of thy sin and thou be clean.

Sing, angel band, of him in whom we have redemption. Shine, O star, till thou art hidden by the brightness of his coming. Ring, ye bell, the message of these nineteen centuries to all generations.

Christ is come and more and more doth love prevail. So may it be. Our Father, let thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. As for myself, my will is thine, my life not mine, but henceforth "hid with Christ in God."

'Tis worry, not work, that kills.

King's Children.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

What are our King's Children and other Young People's Societies doing for the missions? We feel that we have now achieved one of the things that we have longed for ever since our connection with the King's Children Society, and that one thing is the uniting of the efforts of the Young People's Societies of the church in some one single purpose. And that purpose is the great work of missions. There has been quite a little talk about the King's Children Societies taking up foreign mission work, or devoting their efforts to *preparing* to take up such a work. But while I am greatly interested in the foreign work, and it has my best wishes, and shall have all the support that I can give it, without taking my powers from that that is nearest my heart, yet we have taken up the home mission work, and we must first labor to place that in a proper condition, and then we can broaden our sphere of operations.

As we are now situated, each local society, in each church are mission workers, and may for convenience be styled, auxiliaries of the General Mission Board. It is understood that the General Mission Board has the general oversight of the mission work, and this is as it should be; hence each society should place its secretary in direct communication with the secretary of the Mission Board at Chicago and make all remittances to him, with directions where they should be used.

Now there should be some system adopted by which a certain portion of all the funds of the local society, should be paid to the General Mission Board. How would it do to advise that each society pay to the Board say 40 per cent. of all moneys received by the Society? Or to put it in a more tangible form, let me suggest that at your next business meeting you present the following resolution to be adopted by your local society. To wit:

"Resolved that we, the King's Children Society of the——Brethren Church, of,——will pay to the General Mission Board of the Brethren Church 40 per cent of all moneys gathered by the society, from all sources, and that we will also in addition thereto, pay the sum of ten cents per member semi-annually, on the first of January, and the first of July of each year." This would make twenty cents per member, and that is a very small amount, and is in the reach of every one. Now while it seems small, you will be surprised how much it will foot up to in a year. Say that the societies have an active membership of say two thousand, and

at the sum of twenty cents per member per year, we would realize \$400.00, and the membership is much more than two thousand, perhaps it is nearer four thousand; and that would give us \$800.00 per year of dues, to say nothing of the per cent. of the local incomes of the different societies.

One of the things that we must work for, is to have a regular income for the mission work. Will we adopt some such a measure as the above to accomplish it? Or can some of our workers suggest some more feasible plan; one that each one can accept, and be co-laborers with us? The name King's Children, means some thing. Let us live up to that holy meaning. Remember, we go through this world but once, and from here to the judgment of the Lord, there to give account of the deeds done in the body, what shall that account be? We will let you answer that question. And you can answer it by the way you take hold of this work of the Savior. For it seems to me, that the only work we are left on earth to do, is "to preach the Gospel to every creature." I believe that our King's Children are anxious to work for the Lord. Let the joy of the Lord be our hope.

Now what shall the Juniors do for the work? Let me suggest that each Junior Society have monthly penny collections, for the missions, and in addition to the moneys raised that way, pay a certain amount, out of all moneys you gather from all sources. How would that do?

Now if each member of the Societies, both Junior and Senior work on the plan above outlined, we can raise about two thousand dollars per year. What a glorious work this will be; shall we not get at it at once, and do it? Get your pastors to help you. Another good help will be for the officers of each society to see to it that every family in your neighborhood, take the church papers, and especially should each member of the King's Children Society take the King's Children paper.

Come brethren, let us be up and doing, for the night cometh when no man can work.

We know that the times are close, but they are not always going to be so, and if ever you intend doing a good work for the Lord, do it when it is most needed. A friend in need is a friend indeed, and God's dear poor children need help, and those who have not the Gospel are in darkness; will you help carry them the light of the blessed Gospel? Methinks that the Christian who is not working, is already falling from grace. And some have fallen. "O to the rescue, ye children of God."

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